

# THE LAST CHAPTERS

## ARE STARTING!!

The last chapter  
project's success is  
evident from the  
recent best-selling  
series and the  
new manga.

A WHOLEHEARTED PARADOX ♥ LOVE

HC VOLUMES 1-9  
ARE REALLY POPULAR  
& NOW ON SALE!!

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GAME 53

# Last Game

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## CHAPTER 53

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MINOCHAN,  
THANKS FOR  
HELPING US  
OUT!

BUYING A  
LUCKY DIP  
BAG GIVES A  
FEELING OF  
WELCOMING  
THE NEW YEAR.  
DOESN'T IT?

IT'S  
REALLY NO  
PROBLEM.

ARE THESE  
REALLY A  
GOOD BUY?

Ahh,  
we bought  
a lot!

THIS SORT OF  
STUFF MAKES  
ME ENJOY EVENT-  
FUL FEELINGS.

WELL, I'M  
LISTENING TO  
WHAT I HAVE  
TO SAY!

COULD YOU  
PLEASE TALK ALL  
THE THINGS I  
WANT TO DO.

FROM  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE

TO THE  
EARLY NEW  
YEAR...



I MEAN, COULDN'T YOU CONFESS TO HIM ALREADY?

HE GAVE YOU EARRINGS AND EM-BRACED YOU!

BE-CAUSE OF YAMAGI-KUN!



CO...



HOW?

AT ANY RATE, MIKOCCHAN, YOU'RE IN HIGH SPIRITS LATELY, AREN'T YOU?



Cocconfess!

Cocconfess!



EH...

IT WASN'T. YAMAGI HAS SOMEONE HE LIKES...

I mean, what Yamagi-kun was talking about could be a confession!

Ehh? But... There are plenty of girls he could be hugging instead of you, right?

SHES STILL SAYING THAT?

CONFESS,  
HUH...

Ah,  
WOOT,  
WOOT!

I don't  
care  
anymore

THAT  
GODDAMN  
THING  
IS A  
SECRET

SHE'S JUST  
REALIZING THIS  
NOW?

SHIORI-CHAN  
...YOU'RE ENJOYING  
YOURSELF, AREN'T  
YOU?

NAO-  
KUN.

...



**NOW'S  
NOT THE  
TIME FOR  
THAT!!!**

DO YOU  
WANT TO  
WATCH THE LONG-  
DISTANCE  
RELAY RACE  
TOGETHER  
...?



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WHEN I'VE  
REALIZED IT,  
I DON'T EVEN  
HAVE MORE  
THAN A MONTH  
TO ARRANGE MY  
STUDY ABROAD  
TERM APPLICA-  
TION!

(A Required documents)

- Study abroad application
- Study abroad plan
- Study abroad certificate form
- Letter of absence notification
- TOEFL Score
- GAT Score  
etc. etc.

AH,  
GODDAMNIT!  
BECAUSE IT TOOK  
ME MORE THAN A  
MONTH TO DECIDE  
WHETHER TO  
STUDY ABROAD.

NOW'S NOT  
THE TIME TO  
CONFESS...!!

SAYING SUCH  
SUGGESTIVE  
THINGS...



CON-  
FESS,  
AHH...

I MADE  
A MISTAKE AT  
THE RYUGAN  
AND

WHEN  
I THINK  
ABOUT IT,  
I DID IT  
IMPULSIVELY  
IN BOTH SITU-  
ATIONS.

AT  
THE  
RAIL  
ROAD  
CROSS-  
ING,  
TOD.

IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE SINCE  
I'VE BEEN TO  
THE UNIVER-  
SITY.

PLANNING  
EVERYTHING IS  
IMPORTANT.

IF I DO  
PROCEED WITH  
THAT, I MUST MAKE  
PLANS WITH YAMAGI  
BEFOREHAND.

THOROUGHLY LOGICAL

IF MY HEART  
HAVE DECIDED AND  
I FOLLOW A WELL-  
THOUGHT-OUT PLAN,  
I PROBABLY WON'T  
MAKE THE SAME  
MISTAKES.

YOOO,  
KIJOU!  
SEE YOU  
LATER!

YA-

YAMAGI,  
GOOD  
MOR...

WHAT  
WILL  
HAPPEN  
AFTER  
THAT?

BUT

IF I  
CONFESS,

I  
WONDER

EHP?

AH,

IT'S  
YAMAGI

GAPE



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NEXT DAY



NO,  
LIKE!  
I SAID!

IRRITATED



OH.

PEOPLE'S  
STUDYING.



NO,  
NOT THOSE.  
THE TWO  
FOLGER ...

LIKE I SAID!  
I WANT THOSE  
DOCUMENTS  
HANDER OVER TO  
MY FATHER!

YA-  
YANAGI.



TH-

THIS  
TIME FOR  
SURE.

PEEK



SOS

SORRY

SORRY



SNORE

YA-  
YANAGI,  
YOU  
KNOW!



BESIDES,  
I'LL BE  
THE ONE  
WHO'S SOON  
PERSONALLY  
CONFESS...!

I FEEL THAT  
THE BEST OUT-  
COME NOW WOULD  
BE: KUSOU, BEING  
MOVED TO TEARS, WILL  
SAY SOMETHING LIKE,  
"YAMASHI, I LOVE YOU!"  
THEN JUMPS INTO  
MY ARMS OR SOME-  
THING...!

STEADILY RECENTRALIZING  
HIS POINT OF VIEW

VAGUE

DA  
DA  
DA



AT ANY RATE,  
I HAVEN'T GOT  
THE TIME TO  
TALK TO KUSOU  
AT ALL...

AHH,  
I FELL  
ASLEEP...



...NAOTO-  
KUN.

I FORGOT  
TO GET THE  
SEALED DOCU-  
MENTS FROM  
DAD!

ANY  
GRAB?

AND  
GET A  
BUNCH  
OF STUFF  
READY,  
TOO.

FOR NOW,  
I'LL HAVE  
TO FINISH  
EVERYTHING  
FIRST

WELL,  
CAN'T BE  
HELPED.



EVEN  
THOUGH  
HE SAID  
THAT HE HAD  
SOMETHING  
TO TELL  
ME...

I  
WONDER  
IF IT WASN'T  
ANYTHING IM-  
PORTANT?



...SOME  
HOW...

YAMORI  
IS ALWAYS  
BUSY...

HAH



AH,

THE  
SECRETARY  
OF...



I CAN'T TAKE  
SHIORI-CHAN'S  
WORDS SERI-  
OUSLY!

IT'S  
PROBABLY A  
CONFESSION!

IT'S FINE IF  
YOU EMBARRASS  
YOURSELF!



HOW DO  
I PUT IT?

IT'S SOME-  
THING THAT  
SHOULD BE



JUST TO  
SAY THAT  
SOMEBODY  
IS SAYING  
SOMETHING  
TO ME...

IS THAT  
SOMEBODY  
SAYING  
SOMETHING  
TO ME?



THE  
PRESIDENT  
REQUESTED  
THAT I BRING  
THESE DOCU-  
MENTS OVER.



ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

KYA!

WITH THE  
PERSON  
YOU LIKE...

THANK YOU,  
NAOTO-KUN.

THEY'RE  
EMBRACING.

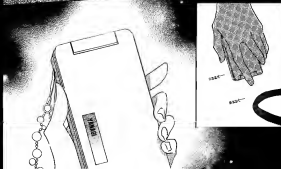


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TO  
AMERICA.

ISN'T IT  
OBVIOUS?

GO,  
YOU  
SAY...  
  
TO  
WHERE?

AN EXEC-  
UTIVE OF MY  
BUSINESS PART-  
NER SAID THAT  
HE'D CERTAINLY  
WANT TO LOOK  
AFTER YOU.

WHILE  
TALK-  
ING TO  
YOU,

YOU ALREADY  
TURNED IN YOUR  
APPLICATION, SO  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING ELSE  
TO DO, RIGHT?

EH...  
  
HUH...  
  
**HUU-  
HHH?!**

**AREN'T  
THOSE PLANE  
TICKETS FOR  
TOMORROW?!**

ACTUALLY,  
I'VE ALREADY  
MADE ALL THE  
ARRANGE-  
MENTS.



IF  
THAT'S  
THE  
CASE,  
  
YOU MUST  
UNDERSTAND  
YOUR HIGHEST  
PRIORITY.

—NAOTO,

YOU DECIDED  
TO FOLLOW IN  
MY FOOTSTEPS,  
DIDN'T YOU?



IS  
THERE A  
PROBLEM?

NO...

WAL...

EH...?



NO, NOT  
REALLY  
A PROBLEM...



FOLLOW  
IN MY FOOT-  
STEPS.



THAT'S WHAT  
IT MEANS TO



ARE ALL  
JUST MY AS-  
SUMPTIONS.

THAT PERSON  
BEING YAMASHI'S GIRL-  
FRIEND AND THE THING  
HE WANTED TO TELL ME  
WAS TO INTRODUCE  
HIS GIRLFRIEND

I CAME  
HERE FOR  
SUCH A  
GLITCHED  
MISUNDER-  
STANDING.

...AND  
THAT'S WHAT  
HAPPENED.

AH.  
SHE'S  
REALLY  
CALM.

HOWEVER,  
WELL, IF I  
LOOK AT IT  
CALMLY,

NO...  
BUT  
THAT'S...

IS HOW IT  
MAKES ME  
VIVIDLY  
FEEL.

WHAT I  
UNDERSTOOD  
IN MY HEAD  
TO BELIEVE AS "THE  
PERSON YAMASHI  
LIKES"

WHEN I  
SAW THAT  
SCENE,

I CAN'T  
COME TO A  
CONCLUSION  
LIKE THIS.

I  
KNOW  
THAT

WELL...  
YOU'RE  
NOT GOING  
TO DO ANY-  
THING WITH  
THIS?

...I  
UNDER-  
STAND  
HOW YOU  
FEEL,  
BUT,

THAT'S  
RIGHT! THEN,  
THERE'S NO  
PROBLEM!

...BUT

...HOW-  
EVER,



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I'M STILL

SCARED.



AHHH...  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW AFTER  
ALL, HUH...

KEI-KUN,  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?

—MIKOTO-  
SAN!



MIKOTO-  
SAN...

I WANT YOU  
TO LISTEN  
CALMLY.

WHAT  
IS IT?

**BANG!**

WHY IS HE  
SUDDENLY  
STUDYING  
ABROAD...?

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEANT?

WAIT A  
SECOND,  
I'M NOT  
CATCHING  
YOUR  
DRIFT.

EH?

AMERICA

...?

I  
DIDN'T  
FULLY  
GET IT  
EITHER...  
THE  
CALL  
WAS  
CUT  
OFF IN THE  
MIDDLE...

...NIKO-  
CCHAN.

SO, WITHOUT  
SAYING ANY-  
THING,

...WHEN  
HE CALLED  
YESTERDAY,  
COULD IT  
HAVE BEEN  
ABOUT  
THAT?

I MISUNDER-  
STOOD  
THINGS ON  
MY OWN,

FELT  
HURT,  
AND  
IGNORED  
HIM.

HE'S  
LEAVING?

...IT  
SEEMS  
HE'S GOING  
TO STUDY  
ABROAD

IN  
AMERICA.

EARLIER,  
I CALLED  
YANAGI-  
SENPAI  
ABOUT AN  
EXAM.

THEN HE  
TOLD ME  
THAT HE'S  
HEADING  
NOW OVER  
TO NARITA  
AIRPORT...

EH?

THE  
AIR-  
PORT?

!



HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO TELL YOU,  
TOO.



—AH...!

ME, TOO,  
YANAGI.



MIKOTO-  
SAN...?!

**TOEI CONTINUED**  
IN THE JUNE 1998

The Little Deer  
series will be on sale  
April 22nd (following)

IN THE KANAKO MAY 1998 HIGH SALE APRIL 17TH,  
AN EXTRA CHAPTER FROM SQUAD'S POINT OF VIEW, WILL BE PUBLISHED